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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF GLENN BROWN

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH HARVARD-TRAINED DIRECTOR OF EGYPTIAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DR. ROUSHDI SAID, AND SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES, THEY INDICATED DESIRE TO CORRELATE THEIR GEOLOGICAL STUDIES OF EGYPT WITH SIMILAR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WORK ALREADY DONE IN SAUDI ARABIA. SPECIFICALLY, THEY KNEW OF EXTENSIVE WORK GLENN BROWN HAS DONE ON ARABIAN SHIELD AND ASKED IF BROWN MIGHT BE ABLE TO VISIT EGYPT FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO WORK WITH THEM ON AFOREMENTIONED CORRELATION. BEST TIME FOR SUCH VISIT WOULD BE IN MARCH. THEY THOUGHT TWO WEEKS WOULD BE ADEQUATE, ONE OF WHICH MIGHT BE SPEND IN FIELD AND ONE IN CAIRO. DR. SAID INDICATED I COULD TAKE HIS COMMENT AS INVITATION, BUT ADDED HIS OFFICE HAS NO MONEY TO PAY FOR SUCH A TRIP. I SAID I COULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS AN AREA OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION WHERE I BELIEVE USG MIGHT USEFULLY ASSIST. ASSUMING USGS CONCURS AND IS WILLING TO PROVIDE NEEDED DOLLAR ALLOCATION, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PAY ENTIRE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS IN EGYPTIAN POUND HOLDINGS. ALTERNATIVE-
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LY, PERHAPS NSF MIGHT BE WILLING FUND PROJECT.

3. ESTIMATED TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS FOR TWO WEEKS
ARE \$1,000 PAYABLE IN EGYPTIAN POUND EQUIVALENT.

4. BROWN, WITH HIS UNRIVALED KNOWLEDGE OF ARABIAN SHIELD
AND GEOLOGY OF NEARBY AREAS, IS CLEARLY THE IDEAL MAN
FOR THIS MISSION. EGYPTIANS ARE SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED
IN HIM. I DO NOT KNOW IF HE HAS NOW FORMALLY RETIRED
FROM USGS. EVEN IF HE HAS, I WOULD HOPE THAT HE WOULD
CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HELPFUL IN OUR CURRENT
EFFORTS TO BROADEN AREAS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

5. REQUEST DEPT. AND USGS EXPLORE POSSIBILITY SENDING
BROWN ON TWO-WEEK MISSION TO CAIRO IN MARCH.
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